

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS
2000 STATE ASSESSMENT

ARTICLE 1. SCOPE OF COVERAGE

This agreement between the Commissioner of Education Statistics on behalf of the United States Department of Education and the State of _____, covers the State's participation in the mathematics and science assessments for fourth and eighth grade students in public schools to be conducted in 2000 by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The State assessment is authorized by section 411 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, Title IV of Improving America's Schools Act, 20 U.S.C.9010. Attachment A.1

ARTICLE 2. STATE ASSESSMENT STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

States wishing to participate in State assessments shall enter into an agreement.....such agreement shall contain information sufficient to give States full information about the process for consensus decisionmaking on objectives to be tested, and the standards for sampling, test administration, test security, data collection, validation and reporting.
[Section 411(b)(2)(B)(i)(ii) National Education Statistics Act]

1. The State has full knowledge of the consensus decisionmaking process as set forth in:
 - ❑ Mathematics Framework for the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress. National Assessment Governing

Board, U.S. Department of Education, 1996. Attachment B.1

- ❑ Science Framework for the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress. National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education, 1996. Attachment B.2
- ❑ Mathematics Specifications for the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress. 1996 NAEP Mathematics Assessment. National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education, 1992. Attachment B.4
- ❑ Science Specifications for the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress. National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education, 1996. Attachment B.3

2. The State has full knowledge of the assessment standards for sampling, test administration, test security, data collection, validation and reporting as set forth in:

- ❑ The State of Education, Bulletin Number Vol. VI, No. 1 March, 1999. Princeton, NJ: NAEP/Educational Testing Service. Attachment C.1
- ❑ State NAEP Assessment Activities for State Coordinator and Assessment Administrator, March, 1999. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics. Attachment C.2

3. The State shall participate in the assessment and conduct the assessment in accordance with procedures developed under the consensus decisionmaking process for NAEP as set forth in:

- ❑ The State of Education, Bulletin Number Vol. VI, No.1 March, 1999. Princeton, NJ: NAEP/Educational Testing Service. Attachment C.1

ARTICLE 3. COSTS

The state will pay from non-Federal sources the non-federal share of such participation; ... [Section 411(d)(2)(B) National Education Statistics Act];

For each fiscal year, the non-Federal share ...shall be the cost of conducting the assessment at the school level for all public schools in the State sample; the cost of coordination with the State; and other reasonable costs specified by the Secretary in this agreement..... [Section 411(d)(3)(i), (ii), and (iii) National Statistics Act]; and

The non-Federal share of payments under this paragraph may be in cash or in kind fairly valued. [Section 411(d)(3)(B) National Education Statistics Act].

1. The State shall pay, in cash or in kind or both, the cost of the non-Federal share of participation -- i.e., the cost of conducting the assessment in the State, including the cost of administering the assessment at the school level and the cost of coordination of the administration of the assessment in the State.
2. The State shall pay the cost of the non-Federal share of participation from non-Federal sources.
3. The State expects that sufficient funds will be available to pay the cost of the non-Federal share of participation.

ARTICLE 4. RELEASE AND USE OF DATA

The Commissioner shall ensure that all personally identifiable information about students, their educational performance, and their families and that information with respect to individual schools remains confidential, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United States Code. [Section 411(c)(2) National Education Statistics Act]

A participating State shall review and give permission for the release of results from any test of its students administered as a part of a State assessment prior to the release of such data. Refusal by a State to release its data shall not restrict the release of data from other States that have approved the release of such data.
[Section 411(b)(2)(C) National Education Statistics Act]

1. The Commissioner shall provide the State with an opportunity to review the results of the administration of their assessment in the State prior to the release of the results.
2. The Commissioner shall release the results of the assessment in the State only with the permission of the State.
3. In accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Commissioner may release State assessment data to the State pursuant to a routine use established for the Department's system of records for the State assessment.
4. The State shall not disclose any assessment data obtained from the Commissioner in such a way that any individual student, individual student's family, or individual school is identified.

ARTICLE 5. DURATION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

1. This agreement is effective on the date executed by the Commissioner.
2. This agreement will terminate on the date on which the results in the State assessment are released or the date on which the State denies permission for the release of the results.

For the State of:_____

Date:_____

Signature

Name

Title

Address

For the U.S. Department of Education:

Date:_____

Commissioner of Education Statistics

Attachments:

- A.1 National Assessment of Educational Progress, Title IV of Improving America's Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. 9010.
- B.1 Mathematics Framework for 1996 the National Assessment of Educational Progress. National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education, 1996.
- B.2 Science Framework for the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress. National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education, 1992.
- B.3 Mathematics Specifications for the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress. National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education, 1992.
- B.3 Science Specifications for the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress. National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education, 1996.
- C.1 The State of Education, Bulletin Number Vol. VI, No. 1, March, 1999. Princeton, NJ: NAEP/Educational Testing Service.
- C.2 State NAEP Assessment Activities for State Coordinator and Assessment Administrator, March, 1999. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics.